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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Banking and Insurance (Bennett) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 20 - 45
and insert:
equipment in response to a motor vehicle accident, except for transportation and treatment provided by ambulance services licensed pursuant to s. 401.23(5), or except when services provided to an insured are expressly covered by an insurance company and:

(a) The insured is lawfully billed for the services or assigns the right to collect to the service provider; or



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12 (b) Services provided to the insured are expressly
13 authorized by state or federal law to be billed directly to an
14 insurance company.

15 (2) As used in this section, the term "first responder"
16 means a law enforcement officer as defined in s. 943.10, a
17 firefighter as defined in s. 633.30, or an emergency medical
18 technician or paramedic as defined in s. 401.23 who is employed
19 by state or local government. A volunteer law enforcement
20 officer, firefighter, or emergency medical technician or
21 paramedic engaged by the state or a local government is also
22 considered a first responder of the state or local government
23 for purposes of this section.

24 Section 2. Section 166.0446, Florida Statutes, is created
25 to read:

26 166.0446 Prohibition of fees for first-responder services.—

27 (1) A municipality may not impose a tax, charge a fee, or
28 seek reimbursement for any costs or expenses that may be
29 incurred for services provided by a first responder, including
30 costs or expenses related to personnel, supplies, motor
31 vehicles, or equipment in response to a motor vehicle accident,
32 except for transportation and treatment provided by ambulance
33 services licensed pursuant to s. 401.23(5), or except when
34 services provided to an